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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2130

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2130 deals with the privileged communication statutes to provide for the exchange of treatment information and confidential communications between treatment facilities, jails, other correctional facilities, or juvenile correctional facilities without patient consent. Under current law, this information can be shared only by state psychiatric hospitals and community mental health centers.

The Senate Committee made a technical amendment by adding "juvenile detention facilities" to the list of facilities able to receive treatment information of patients.

Background

The chief legal counsel for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services testified in favor of the bill as a measure to promote the continuity of care among the various facilities and institutions. A representative from the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc. provided information to the Committee.

The fiscal note indicates no fiscal effect.

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^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.kslegislature.org